

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-26 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-26 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 8, 13, and 21-26 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-12, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazaki (JP 2002-117644).

Claims 6, 7, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki in view of Tanimura et al. (JP 10-214477 A).

In the Amendment of June 13, 2007, Applicant amended claim 1 to recite that the IC chip is formed on a first board, the antenna is formed on a second board and that the second board is separate and spaced apart from the first board. Applicant then argued that the Miyazaki boards 10a and 10b were not separate and spaced apart. In response, the Examiner now asserts that element 10 is a first board and that a film substrate (not shown, but allegedly described in paragraph [0028] of the machine translation of Miyazaki)² constitutes the claimed second board. Again relying on paragraph [0028] of the machine translation, the Examiner asserts that the film substrate is separate from the first board 10.

² We note that paragraph [0028] of the machine translation is the last paragraph of the reference.

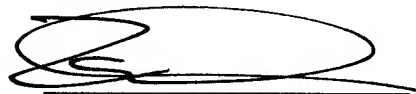
By this Amendment, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the feature "wherein at least a portion of the electrical connection between the IC chip and the antenna is not supported by either one of the first board and the second board". Applicant respectfully submits that this feature is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 should be allowable because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the features of the claim. Claims 2, 3, 7, 10-12, 15, 16, and 19 should also be allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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